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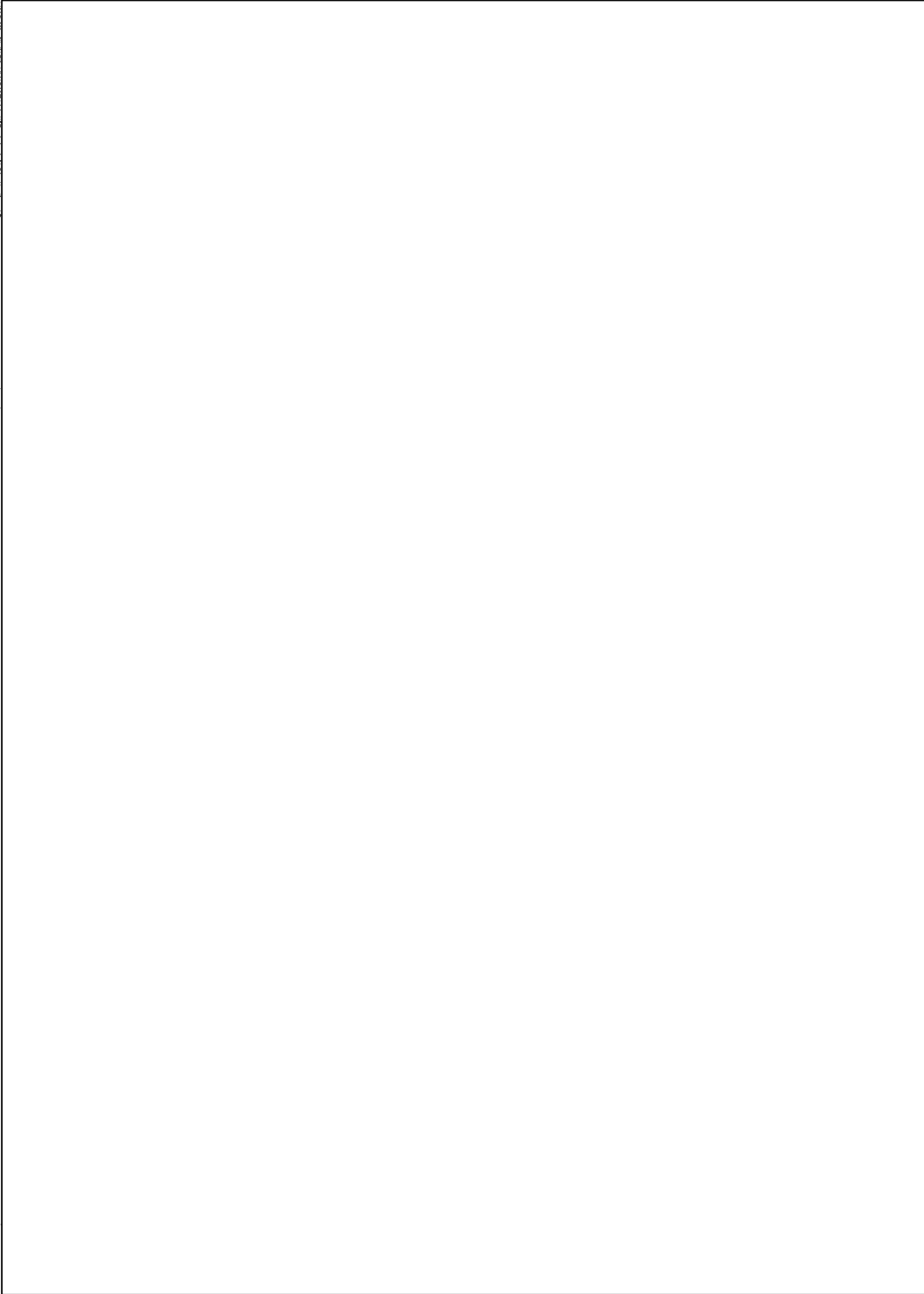
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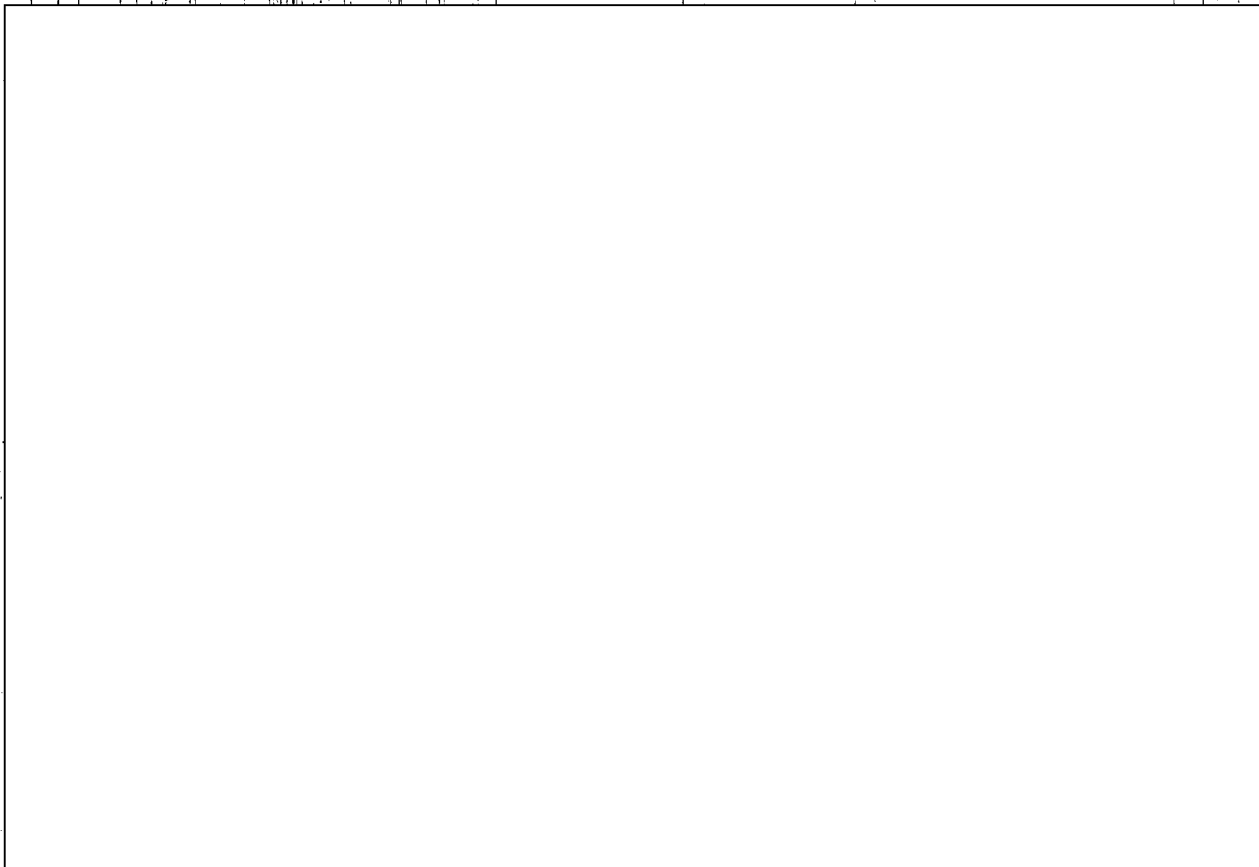
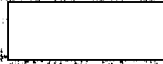
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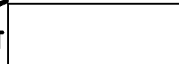
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PORTUGUESE TIMOR

After a month's delay, Indonesian forces in Portuguese Timor have resumed military operations.

On November 22, with air and naval support, marines, special forces, and Timorese partisans attacked along the northwest coast, capturing Maegiri and Fatularan. By the 23rd, this force [REDACTED] was continuing its advance toward Tailaco and the key town of Atabai [REDACTED]

The Indonesians are advancing in two other areas along the front. A company-size force at Maliana launched an attack that was immediately halted by a Fretilin counterassault. Probing operations are also under way north of Nunura; one village in this area [REDACTED] has been occupied. [REDACTED]

The Fretilin defenders are hard pressed to contain the Indonesian advance. In spite of their reported success in stopping the limited Maliana thrust, Fretilin forces apparently have been unable to halt Jakarta's drive along the northern coast toward Atabai. [REDACTED]

The renewed Indonesian drive, like the initial cross-border incursion on October 16, probably has limited territorial objectives. The Indonesians' apparent aim is to take sections of Portuguese Timor in a piecemeal manner to wear down the defenders and enable further repatriation of refugees still in Indonesian Timor. Unless Fretilin forces completely disintegrate, Indonesia's present troop strength is not sufficient for a quick drive on Dili. Moreover, the current rainy conditions tend to make further Indonesian advances unlikely [REDACTED]

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